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# DASTARDLY ATTEMPT BELITTLE BILLIE DOUGLASS

## WHY THIS SECRECY OF PUBLIC NATURE IN COURT RECORDS?

There is a document on file in the office of the clerk of the district court, which remained sealed by order of District Judge Mark R. Averill, and which contains a complaint directed against W. J. Douglass, one of Nye county's most highly respected citizens, wherein his integrity is impugned. This document was sponsored by Nye county's grand jury, and is said to have been signed by Lloyd Horton, the foreman, acting as an individual, yet the public is denied access to the record.

The man against whom these charges have been prepared assisted in blazing the trails leading into Nye county, and was here even before Judge Averill or any member of the grand jury ever heard of such a place as Tonopah, and before some of them left the old country, and before a majority of them ever heard of Nye county.

What right has Judge Averill to order the suppression of public documents by having them sealed? What right has a member of the grand jury, or all the members to cast odium upon the good name of honored citizens of this community, by their secretiveness? This present grand jury has taken a whole lot upon themselves and it is high time that the members were called to an accounting. It is high time that a halt was called to the activities of judges who are instrumental in damaging reputations, and who appoint grand jurors who will bow to their individual wishes.

While the complaint against one of the most reputable citizens of Nye county is ordered sealed and suppressed in the office of the clerk of the court, a copy of the instrument remained for two days open to the public gaze on a desk in the office of the sheriff, yet no effort at service of citation was made. The man against whom these damnable charges are preferred can be found almost any hour of the day, either at his home or his place of business, or on the Main street of Tonopah, yet no effort was made to have service on him personally. The authorities evidently are bent upon casting odium upon the good name of a man who has given away more money than all the grand jurors combined ever saw or earned.

This grand jury is a farce. The members are running Nye county in debt. Not content with the services of the district attorney, who is supposed to serve in the capacity as legal advisor to their actions, they see fit to induce the court to appoint another legal advisor. They acknowledge the duly elected district attorney is not competent to look after their interest, and by some hook or crook, succeed in having the court appoint one to their liking.

It is the taxpayers who are paying these bills, and they should set up and take notice. So bitter has become the general feeling about Tonopah concerning the actions of this grand jury which was selected by Judge Mark R. Averill, evidently to do his bidding, that there is talk going the rounds this very minute concerning bringing the recall into effect in an effort to retire from office this man Averill.

Some public officials are so forgetful that they fail to realize they are either elected or appointed as servants of the people. They set themselves up as kings or queens and imagine they are the great "I am," and that they are really lowering themselves when the condescend to permit the voter, taxpayer or newspaperman, to examine a public document. These officials are inclined to be very secretive regarding public affairs and just because some one who may possibly have an action pending in court asks that the document be suppressed, these officials accede to the demands or request, and especially so if that party be of the same political faith.

Public documents should be open to the inspection of the public. Far better would it be if the clerks of the court and the custodians of other public records were compelled by law to publish daily the list of filings, setting forth briefly the cause of action, or the contents of deeds, as well as mortgages, assignments, and other matters of a similar nature with which the public should be advised.

In California there is a law whereby the county clerk is compelled under statute to publish a list of all divorce actions that are filed. The same is true regarding other states, and in some states the law is so broad that the nature of all legal documents is published daily.

The proceedings of the boards of county commissioners should be published at least once a month; filings relative to mortgages being placed on property should be made public that the business man may be advised of the financial conditions of his patrons; transfers of real estate and personal property should be given publicity, and especially should the people be advised of all court actions that may be filed from day to day.

There is no excuse for any official withholding public documents from either the press or the public. It is to be hoped that the next legislature will enact a law that will compel the publication in legal form, at least, of all filings made in every public office in this state. No that may be made in every public office in this state. No that may be made in every public office in this state. No that may be made in every public office in this state.

At the next general assembly the people are going to demand the abolition of the grand jury system in this state, and the Bonanza is going to insist that any candidate it supports for office pledge himself or herself to vote and work for the passage of such measure.

## GREAT SEIZURE LIQUORS MADE BY OFFICIALS

Goods Are Same as Made Year Ago and Which Were Held to Be Exempt Attack.

(By Associated Press.)  
MIAMI, Fla., Mar. 18.—Customs officers today seized 565 cases of wines and liquors estimated to be worth \$50,000 aboard the Patricia, a palatial yacht tied up here and owned by James Shawan, whose brother, Edwin S. Shawan, who was aboard with his family, rushed to the telegraph office and wired Attorney General Daugherty for an order to release the cargo. Shawan claims the liquor is the same as that seized at San Francisco a year ago by prohibition officers, but which was returned as liquor purchased before the federal prohibition became effective.

The seizure is the largest ever made in this section of Florida and with the confiscation of three solid carloads of liquor on the tracks of the Florida East Coast railroad two days ago, brings the total seizures in the state to 1557 cases during the three days past.

## LEADERS MEET PRESIDENT ON SOLDIERS BILL

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Mar. 18.—Republican house leaders expect to confer with President Harding at the White House tomorrow night regarding the procedure in handling the compromise soldier bonus bill, and they are hopeful he will approve their plan for the passage of the measure under the suspension of rules.

## FATHER KEANE MADE BISHOP BY PIUS

(By Associated Press.)  
ROME, Mar. 18.—Pope Pius has appointed Rev. Patrick J. Keane, titular bishop of Samaria, as bishop of the diocese of Sacramento.

(By Associated Press.)  
SACRAMENTO, Mar. 18.—Bishop Keane, auxiliary bishop, has been acting bishop since the death of Bishop Thomas Grace last fall. He came to Sacramento from an Oakland church. His elevation was recommended by the priests' senate.

## VISCOUNT PEEL IS SECRETARY INDIA

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, Mar. 18.—Viscount Peel, former under-secretary of war and air ministry, and chancellor of the duchy of Lancaster in the present ministry, has been appointed secretary of state for India, succeeding Edwin S. Montague.

## BOY FOUND GUILTY KILLING HIS CHUM

(By Associated Press.)  
HARRISBURG, Ark., Mar. 18.—Ollie Cowell, 13 years old, was found guilty of manslaughter by a jury yesterday and sentenced to two years in prison for causing the death of James Grant, 13, who died as a result of a knife wound received in a fight with Cowell over a basketball game.

## COAL RATES LOWER TO NEVADA POINTS

(By Associated Press.)  
(Special to the Bonanza.)  
SALT LAKE CITY, Mar. 18.—Freight Rates on coal from Wyoming mines to Nevada points will be reduced April 22 as follows, according to announcement made here by Union Pacific officials today:

Between Montello and Winnemucca \$5.50 a ton; compared with the present rate of \$6.37; Winnemucca \$5.90, present \$6.75; Reno \$6.25, present rate \$7.12 1/2.

## GRIFFITH WILL PROHIBIT ANY MEETING IRISH

(By Associated Press.)  
DUBLIN, Mar. 18.—Approval is voiced generally in Dublin over the note of Arthur Griffith, president of Dail Eireann, sent the ministry of defense yesterday in which he forbade the Republican army convention set for March 26. The intention had been evident of submitting at the convention a resolution proposing the formation of an executive of the army, and provisional government officials regard this as a deliberate attempt to establish a military government.

(By Associated Press.)  
BELFAST, Mar. 18.—Terrorists, who remained under cover all of St. Patrick's Day, resumed their activities today. Shortly after the curfew hour, a new vendor was proceeding toward on his bicycle was shot through the breast, and a man was shot and killed on the Newtown road. A bomb was thrown in Thompson street, wounding several people. A girl, wounded by a bomb, died at a hospital.

Two men dashed into Thompson street, of the Sinn Fein district, and threw a bomb through an upstairs window of a small dwelling where an elderly woman and her niece were sleeping. Pedestrians, who forced an entrance, found the woman seriously wounded and the niece mortally hurt, who died shortly after. Early this morning the body of a man was found in Claremont Lake with a bullet through his head.

## WIEDELDT MAY BE AMBASSADOR UNITED STATES

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, Mar. 18.—The fact that Herr Wiedfeldt has resigned his post as managing director of the Krupp company, says the Berlin correspondent of the Morning Post, is regarded in the German capital as an indication he has decided to accept the government invitation to become German ambassador to Washington.

## ROYSTON SCENE OF PROMISING MINERAL FIND

An important mineral discovery is reported from the Combination claim at Royston, owned by the Hudson Mining company, but operated under lease by the Super Six Mining company. The find was made through a tunnel, the portal of which is on Frisco ground, but which has been extended 340 feet and is now in Combination territory. At a vertical depth of 150 feet from surface a 3-foot vein of ore has been uncovered that shows assay values of 342 in silver-gold a ton. Two feet of the ore is showing on the footwall, and one foot on the hanging wall.

Announcement of this discovery was made this morning by W. E. Edwards, general manager of the Super Six Mining company, and has created no little interest by reason of the depth at which the ore has been encountered. It proves, in a measure, that the ore shoots will be found to be persistent in the Royston district following the passing of the fault system. Future developments will be watched with interest.

## MOHANDAS K. GANDHI MUST SERVE 6 YEARS

(By Associated Press.)  
AHMEDABAD, Mar. 18.—Mohandas K. Gandhi, Indian non-co-operationist leader, arrested recently on charges of sedition, was sentenced to six years' imprisonment without hard labor.

## NUT HITS A NUT IN MYSTERIOUS ROCK DROPPING

Spook Rock Throwers Now Resort to Use Heavier Missiles If This Story Is True.

(By Associated Press.)  
CHICAGO, Mar. 18.—Thos. Johnson reported to the police today that a nut from a half-inch bolt struck him on the right leg last night while trying to adjust an auto at the corner of Seventh and Orange streets. In the vicinity of the warehouses, which have been bombarded in a mysterious manner with rocks. The nut came with sufficient force to leave an imprint in the leather puttee he wore, injuring the leg slightly. Five rocks are reported to have fallen on the warehouse roofs late yesterday.

## TAYLOR MURDER ARREST PROVES GENUINE HOAX

(By Associated Press.)  
LOS ANGELES, Mar. 18.—Doubts are cast by representatives of the district attorney's office and captain of police detectives upon reports of the arrest yesterday in Mexico of a suspect in the Taylor murder case, William C. Doran, chief deputy district attorney in charge of the investigation, declared there was no reason to place credence in the report of the arrest. Captain of Detectives Adams is of the same opinion.

## DROPS BOMB AND IS INSTANTLY KILLED

(By Associated Press.)  
TOKYO, Mar. 18.—A man dressed as a coolie, gained entrance to the Imperial palace grounds yesterday and threw a bomb to the ground, the explosion killing him. On his clothing was found a document criticizing the government, declaring it was the writer's intention to commit suicide. The man was identified as a miner from Manchuria.

## MILLIONAIRE YOUTH IS SHOVELING COAL

(By Associated Press.)  
DETROIT, Mar. 18.—John Duval Dodge, possessor of a million and a half in his own right, was assigned to real work in the house of corrections here today with others serving short term sentences. He shoveled coal. The young millionaire, who is serving five days for speeding, took his menial work with good grace.

## SEALING FLEET USES AIRPLANES IN HUNT

(By Associated Press.)  
St. John, N. E., Mar. 18.—Newfoundland sealing fleets have experienced great success with the recently adopted practice of scouting for herds with airplanes. It was learned upon the return of a large hunting vessel from a week's cruise.

## COTTON EXCHANGE MEMBERS PROBED

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Mar. 18.—Charges against officials of the American cotton exchange were made during the John Doe investigation of bucket shops by the district attorney's office to be presented the grand jury, the district attorney announced today.

## ITALY SENDS SHARP DEMAND ON TURKEY

ROME, Mar. 18.—Italy has sent a new and energetic note to Greece demanding the release of the steamship Abbatia, and complete satisfaction for the recent seizure.

## DOUSTER SUIT AGAINST POPULAR OFFICIAL IS CAUSE INDIGNATION

Dignified as a complaint because the form of legal procedure gives it that right, there has been filed in the clerk's office of this county, one of the most wishy-washy, molly-coddle, mummy-pandy, milk and water documents which has had the courage and effrontery to appear on record. It is supposed to have been filed, according to the complaint, under a law which provides for the removal of officers for malfeasance in office, although it says that the complaint, the Honorable L. W. Horton, well known throughout town, also charges the defendant, W. J. Douglass for nonfeasance in office. Removal for nonfeasance in office is not provided for under the statute, which is being used, but apparently the illustrious plaintiff is going to go outside the law to remove W. J. Douglass as county commissioner, so you can see in the beginning what kind of a prosecution is attempted.

This document, which they call a complaint, admits one thing to the credit of the defendant, which is that he is at the present time the chairman of the board of county commissioners of Nye county and this complaint goes on to say that on January 29, 1921, Mr. Douglass "insinuated" that A. A. Clute, deputy sheriff, should refrain from arresting or prosecuting persons for violating the prohibition law. Mind you, this was over a year ago, and it is only alleged that Mr. Douglass "insinuated" that A. A. Clute, deputy sheriff, should refrain from arresting or prosecuting persons for violating the prohibition law. Mind you, this was over a year ago, and it is only alleged that Mr. Douglass "insinuated" that A. A. Clute, deputy sheriff, should refrain from arresting or prosecuting persons for violating the prohibition law.

This thing that they call the complaint also states that Mr. Douglass told D. J. Sullivan, the state auditor, that N. L. Shade, the undersheriff, was "no good," and further declares that Mr. Douglass, as a member of the board of county commissioners, was in December, 1921, and in July, 1922, and in October, 1921, unable to perform his duties because of intoxication, but doesn't state what duties he failed to perform. It also accuses Mr. Douglass of failing to perform his duties because he didn't close up all the soft drink establishments in town, which were alleged to be selling intoxicating liquors, and the illustrious plaintiff also wants to have Mr. Douglass thrown out because he testified before the grand jury to what everybody else in town more or less knew to be the case, and that was that the liquor law was being violated here. Because Mr. Douglass did not alone seek to close up everything in town and enforce the prohibition law six months and a year ago, this moralist Horton now seeks to throw him out! He accuses Mr. Douglass of being intoxicated at divers and sundry times, but doesn't state how that interfered with the performance of his duty.

This whole thing which they call a complaint is sworn to by the person known as L. W. Horton on information and belief, not on actual knowledge, and for some reason or other this complaint was not filed against Mr. Douglass until March 16th, although all of the acts and violations complained of happened not later than October of last year. From these facts it is evident that the public does not have to be told that there is some disgusting, sinister, underhanded, mean and contemptible motive behind this attempted prosecution.

It is too bad that this community has within it persons who call themselves citizens of high standing who would be so small, narrow and mean as to stoop to such a level as those who are back of this miserable attempt to make the goat of one official because he has refused to do their bidding and to serve their wishes on other matters.

If Mr. Douglass was guilty of these things, why was not this prosecution brought six months or more ago?

After lying sealed and suppressed

for three days in the office of L. E. Glass, clerk of the court, upon instructions from Judge Mark R. Averill, service was had this afternoon upon W. J. Douglass, county commissioner, where in attempt is to be made to oust this official from office upon the grounds of malfeasance non-feasance and mal-practice.

While it had been generally known that L. W. Horton, foreman of the grand jury, had signed his name to a complaint directed against Mr. Douglass, as a private individual, it is known as a matter of fact that he is expressing the sentiments of the grand jury.

As a result of this action W. J. Douglass, pioneer of Nevada, finds himself the most popular man in Tonopah and Nye county, and probably the state today. Indignation prevails in every section of this town among the law-abiding people, and condemnation is heaped upon the heads of the members of the grand jury and the complainant in the case.

"Billie" Douglass cannot be injured by such petty tactics as are being pursued. He is too big mentally, physically and too broad-minded, too charitably inclined, to pay any attention to such damnable politics as are being pursued by the grand jurors and their ilk. He is an empire builder—always has been a member of that class—and his acts of kindness extend throughout the west. He is a good and law-abiding citizen; he has made several fortunes in Nevada and he has used this money in the upbuilding of the state. He is a man who has helped the prospector; he has helped the poor and needy; he has given fortunes away that his friends might have a chance to develop mining prospects. He has always met his obligations and his word is as good as his bond. He is a heavy taxpayer; he has reared a lovely family in this community; he has established friendships that are as lasting as time, and he has made but few enemies, and of these he should feel proud. He is a man that is all man, and any attempt made by the weak-minded to injure his reputation would react as water upon a duck's back.

So intense is the feeling that there is already talk of recalling Judge Mark R. Averill, district judge, for his activities in the matter.

In the Monday issue of the Bonanza considerable amount of space will be devoted to the grand jury. The people will be enlightened regarding the members, touching upon their occupations, the amount of taxes that each and everyone pays, and of the interest they have in the community.

Had "Billie" Douglass been called upon to furnish a million dollar bond he would have furnished the required amount in less than an hour's time.

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